

wheels each having a first diameter, a large diameter wheel having a diameter larger than said first diameter, and a small diameter wheel drive wheel having a diameter smaller than the size of the curls within the ribbon, said curling ribbon passing between said large diameter wheel and said small diameter wheel.

25. A ribbon curling device comprising delivery means for delivering a supply of unstressed curlable ribbon;

curling means located downstream of said delivery means for curling the ribbon;

mechanical drive means located downstream of said curling means for drawing the ribbon across said curling means; and

a curled ribbon transport, said mechanical drive wheel means being disposed above said transport a sufficient distance such that the weight of said curling ribbon causes said ribbon to fall to said transport.

REMARKS

The Preliminary Amendment is submitted to conform the present specification to the specification and drawings which were approved by the Examiner in the allowed parent grandparent application and in the pending parent application. In addition, the Preliminary Amendment adds five new structure claims which find support in the application as filed and also amends the specification to more clearly describe the structure already identified in the specification as filed and as approved by the Examiner

in the parent application.

Specifically, page 11 has been amended to more particularly define the already disclosed structure of utilizing a conveyor belt and idler wheel or dual conveyor belt structure as the drive means as specifically described at page 11, lines 13 and 14. Additionally, FIGS. 14 and 15 have been added by Preliminary Amendment to illustrate this already disclosed structure.

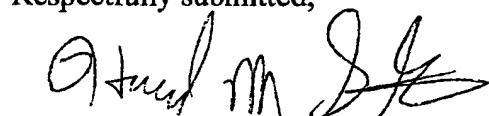
The specification has also been amended to incorporate two particular drive wheel designs described at page 11, line 5. Specifically, the fence embodiment, described at page 11 now illustrated in FIG. 13, and the alternative wheel embodiments described at page 11, lines 7 and 8 as shown in FIG. 14.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added because as previously recognized by the Examiner this is merely amplification of matter already contained within the specification as originally filed.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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